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3. I believe the Voice of America (VOA) is preferred by the working people, the "man in the street." If the reception could be improved, the VOA would have an enormous audience, both for news and comment. There has been slight improvement in reception in recent months. I had better reception on short wave lengths than on medium.
4. The delay in reporting news on Czechoslovakia is a point for criticism of foreign broadcasts. I believe the main reason for this delay is the existence in Prague of only one Western news agency (the UP) which has a staff of only one or two. The bulk of the news on Czechoslovakia which was broadcast by the Western radio was supplied by the news agencies. The UP, AP, AFP and Reuters were, I think, doing a good job until the arrest of Ostis in April and the departure of the last Western reporter in June. While the Western press was represented in full strength, and the coverage of Czech affairs was as good as was possible under the circumstances, I heard little complaint of the lack of news on Czechoslovakia. Any deficiencies were probably due to maladroit handling by the stations. Certainly the news agencies were doing their best to "storify" rumors and official handouts.
5. The greatest care must be exercised in choosing the Czech politicians who are to talk to the people in Czechoslovakia. Many politicians have lost all prestige. My comments on those recommended [ ] are as follows:

- (a) Reidrich..... Little known among the people.
- (b) Osusky..... Very little known to the man in the street and those who do know him remember him as a discredited diplomat because of his feuds with the beloved Dr. Benes. He spent most of his life abroad.
- (c) Drabek..... A good choice.
- (d) Hrebik..... A good choice.
- (e) Lettrich..... Slovaks would probably appreciate him.

To these I should add Václav Mager, whom I believe is in London. He is probably the most popular of exiled Czech politicians.

6. Ferdinand Peroutka's talks on Radio Free Europe (RFE) at 1730 on Sunday and Monday are widely listened to. Every effort should be made to ensure good reception of these talks.
7. Generally speaking, the Czechs are willing to listen to anybody, as long as he has something to say, but they will more readily believe persons in whom they had confidence such as Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart on BBC, Peroutka on RFE, and Duchacek.

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